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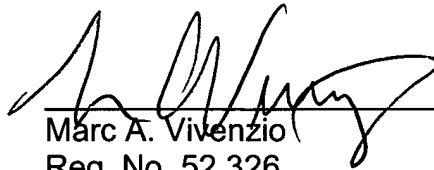
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Applicants wish to note to the Examiner that reference DE 202 16 059 U1 arises from a parallel German application, the specification of which corresponds to the present US application (10/313,239).

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Finally, Applicants urge that their claims are patentably distinguishable over all disclosed relevant information or any combination thereof.

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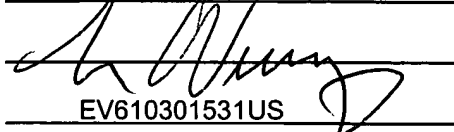
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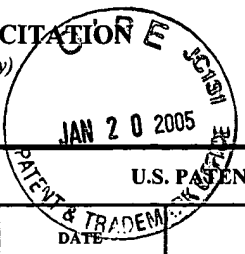
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